

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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3 In the Matter of

Case No. MD-06-0950A

4 **MOHAMMAD ZAFAR QURESHI, M.D.**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

5 Holder of License No. **8269**
6 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
 In the State of Arizona.

7 **INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

8 By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board")
9 and Mohammad Zafar Qureshi, M.D., ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition
10 of this matter.

11 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the
12 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement").
13 Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel
14 regarding this matter.

15 2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily
16 relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters
17 alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and
18 waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

19 3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the
20 Executive Director.

21 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter
22 and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and
23 Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other
24 use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding,
25 civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

1 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this
2 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent
3 may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim
4 Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

5 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that
6 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National
7 Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

8 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
9 unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in
10 force and effect.

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12 MOHAMMAD ZAFAR QURESHI, M.D.

Dated: 12/04/06 SAM

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 8269 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. On February 9, 2006 Respondent and the Board entered a Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation ("Consent Agreement") in Case No. MD-01-0602A. As part of the compliance terms of the Consent Agreement, Respondent was to supply medical and billing records as requested by the Board.

4. On September 12, 2006 a Subpoena was issued to Respondent requiring him to provide the Board with medical records of four patients. Respondent provided the Board with the records of the four patients as requested.

5. A Board Medical Consultant reviewed the files provided by Respondent. The Medical Consultant's report raised concerns with Respondent's use of Toradol injections for "nerve blocks" and injections of Toradol into paraspinal structures, despite Black Box warnings that Toradol contains alcohol and, as a result, is contraindicated for intrathecal or epidural administration. The Medical Consultant was also concerned with Respondent's general understanding of anatomy. Respondent repeatedly used the term "nerve block" in procedures that do not fit the generally accepted definition of nerve block and, with one patient, described a nerve block to nerves that do not exist. Respondent also described the use of a 1.5 cm needle when describing anesthesia of structures that are 5 cm in depth.

6. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if Respondent were to continue to use Toradol injections (or any other alcohol containing substances) for "nerve blocks" and injections of Toradol (or any other alcohol containing

substances) into paraspinal structures it would present an imminent danger to patients receiving these injections.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-16-504.

ORDER

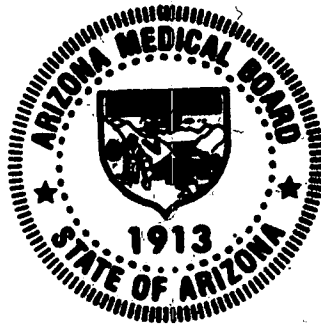
IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's practice is restricted in that he shall cease using injectable Toradol or any other alcohol containing substances until the Board can ascertain Respondent's skill level and grants him permission to resume this practice.

2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of November, 2006.

(SEAL)



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By 
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 5th day of ~~November~~, 2006 with:
December

The Arizona Medical Board
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1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing was
2 mailed this 5th day of ~~November~~,
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